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SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By a note verbale dated 22 March 1991, the Assistant Secretary-General for the Centre Against Apartheid, on behalf of the Secretary-General, informed the States parties to the International Convention against Apartheid in Sports of the death of Dr. Georg Zorowka, a member of the Commission against Apartheid in Sports, in February 1991. Dr. Zorowka was elected as a national of the German Democratic Republic on 2 March 1989 for a four-year term.

2. Paragraph 6 of article 11 of the Convention provides the following:

> "For the filling of casual vacancies, the State Party whose national has ceased to function as a member of the Commission shall appoint another person from among its nationals, subject to the approval of the Commission."

3. Through accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to form one sovereign State. As from the date of unification, the Federal Republic of Germany acts in the United Nations under the designation of "Germany". In his note verbale dated 22 March 1991, the Assistant Secretary-General for the Centre Against Apartheid informed the States parties that the Government of Germany "does not intend to succeed to the membership of the former German Democratic Republic" in the Convention. It was also

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indicated that an item on special election to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Zorowka's death, for the remainder of his term, i.e., until 2 March 1993, would be added to the agenda at the next meeting of the States parties.

4. As of 13 June 1991, the Secretary-General had received from States parties the following nomination to fill the above-mentioned casual vacancy:

Lionel A. Hurst (Antigua and Barbuda)